



Northwest Georgia Child Abuse Conference

May 2-3, 2011



THE COLANNADE
Catoosa County Civic Center
264 Catoosa Circle
Ringgold, GA 30736

Welcome

On behalf of the sponsoring agencies, an invitation to attend the Northwest Georgia Child Abuse Conference is being extended to you. This conference focuses on prevention, recognition, investigation and prosecution of child abuse within the State.

REGISTRATION

Invited conference attendees are DFCS case managers, supervisors and managers; law enforcement officers and agency representatives; judges; district attorneys; CASAs; school teachers and social workers; EMS workers; Child Fatality Review committee members; child advocates and all others in Georgia who work with child abuse issues.

Attendance at the conference will be limited to 400 people. Slots will be filled in the order the registration forms are received. Registration will be accepted only through fax. All registrations must include a valid email address, as the address will be used to provide confirmation of your registration being received and accepted. Further registration instructions are in this brochure on Page 14.

Registration is being handled by the United States Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program for the Northern District of Georgia.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hampton Inn Ringgold-Fort Oglethorpe
6875 Battlefield Parkway
Ringgold, GA 30746
706-935-4800

Discounted Conference Rate - \$79/night

**NOTE: Must mention conference to obtain
discounted lodging rate**

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- Office of the Child Advocate
- United States Attorney's Office Victim Witness Assistance Program for the Northern District of Georgia
- Prosecuting Attorney's Council
- District Attorney Buzz Franklin, Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit
- Catoosa County Coroner's Office
- Catoosa County Juvenile Court
- Lookout Mountain Bar Association

We want to express our sincere appreciation to the Licensed Professional Counselors Association of Georgia for sponsoring this event by providing Continuing Education Hours for counselors. If you are a social worker or psychologist, many state licensing boards allow you to have a certain number of related hours of Continuing Education Hours. Please check with your state board for rules specific to your discipline.

Conference Agenda

Room 1	Theatre
Room 2	White Oak
Room 3	Banquet Hall

MONDAY – May 2, 2011

7:45am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION		
8:30am – 10:00am	Keynote Address: <i>Atlanta Child Murders – The Night Stalker</i> Jack Mallard, Assistant District Attorney Fulton County (Retired)		
10:00am – 10:15am	BREAK		
10:15am – 11:45am	Child Physical Abuse Investigations (Part 1)	Pill Poison: Prescription Drug Abuse	Overcoming Defenses in Child Molestation Cases
11:45am – 1:00pm	LUNCH Keynote Address: <i>Turning the Page at Georgia DFCS</i> Rachelle Carnesale, Director of Georgia DFCS Play: “It’s Love, Isn’t It” – John Lee, HATS Director		
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Child Physical Abuse Investigations (Part 2)	Bullying - -What We Know & What Can Be Done	Death Scene Investigations – Team Approach
2:30pm – 2:45pm	BREAK		
2:45pm – 4:15pm	Human Trafficking of Minors	Mandatory Reporting: Knowing the Law	Child Death Review 2009

TUESDAY – May 3, 2011

7:45am – 8:30am	REGISTRATION		
8:30am – 10:00am	Keynote Address: <i>Compassion Fatigue: When Caring Too Much Can Hurt</i> Dr. Rick Rader, Director of Habilitation Center at The Orange Grove Center		
10:00am – 10:15am	BREAK		
10:15am – 11:45am	Pill Poison: Prescription Drug Abuse	Human Trafficking of Minors	School Violence
11:45am – 1:00pm	LUNCH Keynote Address: <i>Victim Services: A Continuum of Care</i> Christie Smith Jones, Dale Alton, Alia El-Sawi, Cynthia Howell, Maja Hasic		
1:00pm – 2:30pm	Child Sexual Exploitation (Part One)	Internet Predators: Crimes Against Children	Abusive Injuries in Children
2:30pm – 2:45pm	BREAK		
2:45pm – 4:15pm	Child Sexual Exploitation (Part Two)	Child Death Case Study: Audience Participation	Teenage Suicide

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

8:30am – 10am

GENERAL SESSION

Atlanta Child Murders – The Night Stalker, Jack Mallard

Jack Mallard will speak on the Wayne Williams case in which he was the lead prosecutor. Williams was prosecuted for one of the child murders and was linked by forensic evidence to numerous others.

Jack Mallard is a retired Georgia prosecutor (1967-2007). He received his Law Degree from Woodrow Wilson College of Law. Jack began his career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Atlanta office in 1967 where he took the lead role in 1982 in the prosecution of one of the most infamous, controversial, and publicized cases in the country - the Missing and Murdered Children's Case - 28 victims were found murdered within a two-year span ending in 1981 with the arrest of Wayne Bertram Williams. In Cobb County, Jack continued his career where he prosecuted many high-profile and landmark cases including the Fred Tokars case, the first two DNA cases in Georgia, and Lynn Turner in the first two cases of murder by antifreeze of her husband and her boyfriend. Jack served on the Board of Directors, National District Attorneys Association; the Georgia Organized Crime Prevention Council; and was the recipient of the Governor's Public Safety Award.

10am – 10:15am

BREAK

10:15am – 11:45am

WORKSHOPS #1

- Child Physical Abuse Investigations (Part I) – Theatre Room
- Pill Poison: Prescription Drug Abuse – White Oak Room
- Overcoming Defenses in Child Molestation Cases – Banquet Hall

Child Physical Abuse Investigations, Special Agent Terry Thomas

Special Agent Thomas will provide the class participants with current information dealing with the proper investigation and detection of physical child abuse and homicide of children. They will study the various injuries that are often inflicted on children to include: bruises, burns, bone injuries and failure to thrive. Additionally, participants will study the various syndromes that are generally associated with child physical abuse and child homicide and gain an understanding of the dynamics of the offender(s) and what the common expatiations are most often given for the injuries.

Special Agent Terry Thomas has thirty-seven years experience in law enforcement. His career spans from St. Petersburg Police Department, to Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, to Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Crimes Against Children Unit. More than 26 years of his career has been exclusively dedicated to crimes against children. He is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of physical and sexual abuse investigations. With his skills, knowledge, and experience, and as FDLE's Statewide Coordinator of Crimes Against Children Program, Agent Thomas facilitated the development of the nation's forefront Rapid Response Team. In addition, he serves on numerous boards and committees committed to the health and safety of children and the investigation of crimes against children. As the Rapid Response Team Coordinator, Agent Thomas has responded to numerous multiple victim/multiple offender cases throughout Florida and has been called as a consultant to law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. For 15 years he served as an active member and instructor for the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). As a volunteer member of the NOVA Critical Incident Response Team and the Florida Crisis Response Team, he has served as the team leader/member during responses to numerous incidents including: the Oklahoma City bombing; the Gainesville, Florida homicides; and the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. In 2002, Agent Thomas received the "State Law Enforcement Officer of the year award" from the Missing Children Clearinghouse for his dedication to working to find and assist Florida's missing

& exploited children. He is a consultant for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, the Florida Network of Victim Services, NOVA, and the National Victim's Center. In addition, as an expert in crimes against children and the investigation of those crimes, he lectures extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

Pill Poison: Prescription Drug Abuse, Lookout Mountain Drug Task Force

The Pill Poison program consists of educating the participants on the inherent dangers of certain prescription pills - Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Oxycontin, Roxicodone, Xanax, and Methadone. This program is both informative and entertaining. Students will understand why people are dying when combining certain synthetic opiate pills. What happens as the toxicity level increases and the heartbeat and respiration decreases? What are the common signs when a friend or relative is abusing and/or selling their prescriptions? This fast paced program is taught by Drug Task Agents who work the cases in the field, execute the search warrants, arrests the offenders, and prepare the cases for court.

The Lookout Mountain Drug Task Force (LMDTF) was formed in early 1991 comprised of agents from Walker County, Catoosa County, Dade County and City of Lafayette, Ga. All agents are seasoned Police Officers who are all Meth Lab Certified and most SWAT certified. The agents must go through an intensive interview and screening process to be a part of this elite team. The LMDTF performs joint investigations with several Law Enforcement Agencies to include GBI and FBI. They average around five hundred cases per year focusing on mid and upper level drug investigations. The LMDTF does numerous trainings in the school system and community.

Overcoming Defenses in Child Molestation Cases, Chris Arnt, Len Gregor & Alan Norton

Child molestation cases are outside the norm for the average citizen. Defense attorneys often will take advantage of the general public's misperceptions concerning such cases. The presentation will to teach those who investigate child molestations cases to be cognizant of such defenses and properly prepare with such defenses in mind.

Christopher Arnt, J.D., is the chief assistant District Attorney with Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit and has been with the office for 19 years. He was named Assistant District Attorney of the Year for Georgia and received the J. Roger Thompson award in 2009 for outstanding service in training new prosecutors. Mr. Arnt primarily handles major felony cases and is a member of his judicial circuit's Child Death Investigation team. The most well known case he has handled is the Tri-State Crematory case. Mr. Arnt obtained his undergraduate degree in history from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1989 and his law degree from Emory University in 1992. He lives in Ringgold with wife, Tracy, and their two children Logan, age 14 and Madison, age 12.

Leonard C. Gregor, Jr. attended Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia where he received a B.S. in Business Administration - Marketing in 1988. He attended Mercer University Walter F. George School of Law and received his Juris Doctor in 1994. Mr. Gregor was admitted to the practice of law in June, 1994. He was employed as an Assistant Attorney General with the Georgia Attorney General's Office from June, 1994 to February, 1996. He has been employed as an Assistant District Attorney in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office on February 19, 1996.

Alan Norton: Alan Christopher Norton attended Darton College in Albany, Georgia and then Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia where he graduated with a B.S. degree in psychology, magna cum laude, in May 2002. He received his Juris Doctor degree in May 2005 from Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law in Macon, Georgia. He was a Prosecuting Attorney Council Intern as a Third Year Law Student in the South Georgia Judicial Circuit from May - August, 2004. He has been employed as an Assistant District Attorney in the Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit since August 1, 2005.

11:45am – 1pm

LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION

Turning the Page at Georgia DFCS, *Rachelle Carnesale JD*

In 2011, new leadership was appointed at the Department of Human Services and the Division of Family and Children Services. The keynote will address the shift at DFCS to a holistic model focused primarily on safety and prevention and the inherent challenges in changing directions.

PLAY: “It’s Love, Isn’t It”

16 year old Ellen is sure that it’s love. Why, her boyfriend loves her so much that he’s upset whenever Ellen even looks at anyone else. It’s true, she admits, that his anger does seem to get a bit out of control, sometimes, but . . . it’s love, isn’t it? Is it? With alarming frequency, young people in dating relationships appear to be mirroring the struggles that characterize adult domestic violence. Even more alarming; many of these young victims do not even realize that they are being abused, but think that such behavior is “a normal expression of love.”

An attorney and career child advocate, Rachelle Carnesale was appointed the Director of the Division of Family and Children Services in January, 2011. Just prior to her appointment, Carnesale served as the Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the Office of the Child Advocate. During her tenure with the Office of the Child Advocate and Child Fatality Review, which began in 2004, Carnesale served as the Director of the Georgia Child Fatality Investigation Program, where she developed and administrated the Georgia Child Abuse Training Academy. As 2009-2010 Chair of the Statewide Model Child Abuse Protocol Update, Carnesale collaborated with subject matter experts to address the unique challenges in cases involving child trafficking victims and children with special needs. As a co-founder and former Chair of the Georgia Infant Safe Sleep Coalition, Carnesale advocated for statewide prevention measures to eliminate preventable sleep-related deaths in infants. Previously, Carnesale served as Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney in DeKalb County, supervising the Crimes Against Children Unit, and leading the DeKalb County Child Death Investigation Team. Carnesale also served as a prosecutor in Cherokee County, specializing in child abuse, after beginning her career at the Georgia Attorney General’s Office, in the Criminal Division. She is 1985 graduate of Kelly Walsh High School and a 1987 graduate of Casper College. Completing her undergraduate degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1989, she attended the Emory University School of Law on a full tuition merit scholarship, graduating in 1992.

1pm – 2:30pm

WORKSHOPS #2

- Child Physical Abuse Investigations (Part II) – Theatre Room
- Bullying – What We Know & What Can Be Done – White Oak Room
- Death Scene Investigations: A Team Approach – Banquet Hall

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Special Agent Thomas’s bio can be found on page 4.

Bullying: What we Know and What Can Be Done, Thom Mote

This workshop will present a summary of the latest research on the origins and effects of intimidating and aggressive student behavior, as well as a review of intervention strategies which show promise.

Thom is originally from Western North Carolina where he attended Montreat College before completing his Masters degree in counseling from The University of Tennessee. His training and education have focused on Existential psychology, Positive Psychology and Wellness Psychology. Thom has been a professional counselor in Northwest Georgia for 9 years with over 7 years experience working with children and adolescents. Currently he has a private practice in Fort Oglethorpe Georgia.

Death Scene Investigation: A Team Approach, Rachelle Carnesale, JD

This workshop addresses the value and challenges of utilizing a multiple-disciplinary team approach during child death investigations at the local level. Utilizing case studies, the discussion will be focused primarily on trauma/abuse deaths but will also include information on scene investigation in preventable deaths related to sleep or issues of neglect. Bio can be found on page 5.

2:30pm – 2:45pm BREAK

2:45pm – 4:15pm WORKSHOPS #3

- Human Trafficking of Minors – Theatre Room
- Mandatory Reporting: Knowing the Law – White Oak Room
- Child Death review 2009 – Banquet Hall

Successfully Combating Human Trafficking of Minors Through Federal and State Prosecutions, Richard S. Moultrie, Jr., Susan Coppedge, Sally G. Butler, Dalia Racine

This workshop will discuss federal and local investigative tools for successfully prosecuting human trafficking crimes involving minors, including recent case studies in which the prosecutors obtained convictions of, and significant sentences for, traffickers of children. The presenters will also provide suggestions for critical ways to corroborate the accounts of abuse of minor victims.

Richard Sterling Moultrie, Jr., has extensive experience handling complex, high-profile matters in federal court. He serves as the office's co-coordinator for human trafficking prosecutions. His experience includes nearly 15 years as an Assistant United States Attorney. In particular, he served as lead counsel in the prosecution of United States v. Dwight York – a RICO and child exploitation case in which a religious leader was convicted of using his organization to sexually abuse the children of his followers in Putnam County, Georgia. Following a three-week trial, York was convicted and received a sentence of imprisonment of 135 years. In 2010, he successfully prosecuted former Grady Hospital Emergency Room physician, Adam Lebowitz. Lebowitz had used the internet to recruit young boys for sex, some of whom he used to create child pornography that he transmitted over the Internet. After a week-long jury trial, Lebowitz was sentenced to over 26 years' imprisonment. Mr. Moultrie received his J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law in 1991, and his B.A. degree from Morehouse College in 1988.

Susan Coppedge has worked in the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia since May 1999. She serves as the office's co-coordinator for human trafficking prosecutions. During her tenure she has prosecuted a variety of major criminal cases including human trafficking cases. In 2002, along with co-counsel, Ms. Coppedge successfully tried United States v. Pipkins and Moore, using the federal racketeering laws (RICO) to convict 15 notorious pimps who targeted children aged 12-17. In 2007, with co-counsel Karima Maloney from DOJ, Civil Rights, Ms. Coppedge successfully prosecuted two human trafficking cases in the Atlanta area: United States v. Jimmie Jones (sex trafficking of eight victims) and United States v. Harrison Norris, a/k/a Hardbody, (sex trafficking of ten victims). In 2010, Ms. Coppedge tried Amador Cortes Meza, head of a Mexican human trafficking ring, and, after a

two week trial in which nine victims testified, the jury convicted Cortes Meza of all 19 counts. Ms. Coppedge received her law degree from Stanford University and her undergraduate degree from Duke University.

Sally Butler is the Chief Senior Assistant Attorney at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office where she is assigned to the Crimes Against Women and Children Division. Prior to her current assignment, she was the Assistant District Attorney for Juvenile Prosecution for Fulton County. She brings years of legal experience and is an active member of the State Bar of Georgia, while also being involved with several community organizations. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida State University and her Juris Doctorate from Georgia State University.

Dalia Racine is an Assistant District Attorney with the DeKalb County District Attorney's Office. She is currently assigned to the Crimes Against Children Unit. Dalia handles Cases involving the sexual and physical assault of children, including homicides. Previously, Dalia served as a Chief Senior Assistant District Attorney at the Fulton County District Attorney's Office where she was assigned to the Crimes Against Women and Children Division (CWAC). While in CWAC, she successfully prosecuted a number of pimps for commercially sexually exploiting children within our community. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Florida. She attended Emory University School of Law where she received her J.D.

Mandatory Reporting: Knowing the Law, Melissa Holcomb

Certain categories of personnel who interact with children are legally required to report any suspected incidents of child abuse. They are known as "Mandated Reporters". This workshop will identify who among us are mandated reporters, what are the indicators of child abuse and neglect, and what to do when child abuse or neglect is suspected.

Melissa Holcombe is a school social worker for the Catoosa County School System and a licensed clinical social work (LCSW) through the State of Georgia. She worked in both foster care and child protective services in her ten years with the DFCS. Melissa received her master's degree in Social Work from Georgia State University. Melissa has served on several task forces and boards including the Teen Dating Violence Task Force, the Child Fatality Review Team, the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, and Prevent Child Abuse Catoosa.

Child Death Review 2009: Trend Analysis for 2004-2008, Wende Parker

Workshop will cover an overview of the all child deaths reviewed for 2009, as well as trend data analysis for 2004-2008 specific to homicide, sleep-related infants, and drowning. Specific case scenarios and Child Fatality Review committee outcomes will be reviewed to help evaluate processes within child death investigation. Additionally, data has been compiled from the Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Investigation project and a "hands-on" approach is used to discover what caregivers think about sleep-related infant deaths and where they get their information to take care of their infants. Scene recreation and doll re-enactment will be introduced and taught in great detail, as this growing phenomenon has become a common practice among investigators across the United States. This training provides small group work and a mock interview exercise as well as opportunities for discussion and evaluation of the way CFR processes may affect the outcomes of Georgia's children.

Wende Parker is a Program Manager with the Office of the Child Advocate working specifically on Child Fatality Review (CFR) since 2007. Wende trains a variety of disciplines on death scene investigation and the multidisciplinary approach. As part of her work, she has accomplished several projects, including data collection projects for county surveillance, developing an infant death scene investigation presentation for Georgia Coroner Association members and developing tools to support local input for the statewide model child abuse protocol. Wende has worked with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Sudden Unexplained Infant Death Pilot Project for Georgia. Prior to joining OCA, she served as the District Injury Prevention Director for Cobb and Douglas County where she worked to develop and streamline injury prevention project goals and objectives for coalitions and corporations. She established strong leadership to motivate the community with successful multi-faceted interventions, including a child passenger safety program. She has a Bachelor's of Science in Community Health Education/Exercise Science from the University of Southern Mississippi and is a Master of Public Health Candidate with Walden University.

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2011

8:30am – 10am

GENERAL SESSION :

Compassion Fatigue: When Caring Too Much Can Hurt, Rick Rader
Professionals working on the front lines in child abuse can often become "co-lateral damage." When your profession is focusing on others without practicing self-care, destructive behaviors can surface. Apathy, isolation, bottled up emotions and substance abuse head a long list of symptoms associated with the secondary traumatic stress disorder now labeled: Compassion Fatigue. Of all the divisions of human services, child abuse offers the most potentially intra-personal trauma and turmoil. There is no such thing as becoming "case hardened" when it comes to child-abuse. The psychosocial debrittlement of your well-being should be of paramount concern to every agency, individual and community. Child abuse cannot be curtailed without a dedicated, committed and healthy front line workforce; it's time we got the message.

Dr. Rick Rader is the Director of the Habilitation Center at The Orange Grove Center, a community agency supporting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dr. Rader is responsible for the creation of medical programs that address the unique problems of aging in people with neuro-genetic disorders. He is cross trained in medicine and medical anthropology and has a keen interest in the biocultural determinants of health and disease. He is the Editor in chief of Exceptional Parent Magazine and has published over 200 articles in the "special needs" field. He has been a consultant to four former Surgeon Generals of the United States in the area of health and disabilities, and was the first appointed Special Liaison for Family Healthcare Concerns at the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. He is a past recipient of the Exceptional Physician of the Year Award presented by parents of children with special needs. He was elected as a Distinguished Practitioner to the National Academy of Practice in Medicine as well as to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality of the United States Dept. of Health and Human Services for his work in healthcare innovations. He is an adjunct professor of Human Development at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and director of the Total Immersion Clerkship in Developmental Disabilities which attracts medical students from around the nation. He has been a consultant to the Tennessee Dept of Intellectual Disabilities in the area of Protection from Harm protocols.

10am – 10:15am

BREAK

10:15am – 11:45am

WORKSHOPS #1

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School Violence, Brian McGee

This workshop provides a comprehensive look at gangs, violent weapons and home environment as it relates to school violence.

Brian, who was raised in Toledo, Ohio, moved to Atlanta, Georgia after completing a tour in Desert Storm and 5 years in the United States Army. (Special Operations) Upon leaving the Military, Brian joined the Fulton County Sheriff's Office and worked as a Deputy Sheriff for 19 years and is currently the Sergeant over Community Outreach. During his career as a Deputy Sheriff, he worked at the Fulton County Jail, Warrant/Service Division, Fugitive Squad, Court Services and Special Operations and Tactics. Brian is also a graduate of (FLETC) the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Located in Glynn County, Georgia where he worked with the US Federal Protective Service Physical Security Team until returning back to the Fulton County Sheriff's Office in 2000 where he is now the Commander of the Community Outreach Division. Brian is also a graduate of G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education And Training) and ASIS (American Society of Industrial Security). His professional and civic affiliations include, but are not limited: the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executive (N.O.B.L.E.), American Society for Industrial Security, Fraternal Order of Police, GOP political party and a proud member St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Brian enjoys working with at risk youths, jazz music, sports and beating his beautiful daughter Savannah in kickball.

11:45am – 1pm

LUNCH & GENERAL SESSION

Victim Services: A Continuum of Care, Christie Jones, Dale Alton, Cynthia Howell, Alia El-Sawi, Maja Hasic

A crime is reported and a child victim needs help. What services are available and who is out there to assist? Presentation will discuss the role of various providers from the time a crime is reported until the disposition of the court case. The importance of services for crime victims and agency collaboration will be discussed.

Christie Smith Jones has a Specialist in Education (Ed.S) and a Master's of Science (MS) in Professional Counseling, which were obtained at Georgia State University. Her undergraduate degree is in Psychology. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Georgia. Since 1995, she has worked with crime victims of all ages. She strives to lessen the trauma that results from the crime and from the criminal justice process. Christie is currently employed at the United States Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Georgia as a Victim Witness Coordinator. She has been in this position since 2005. Before her career at the U.S. Attorney's Office, she was employed as a Program Manager/Therapist at the Clayton County District Attorney's Office. She worked in that agency for approximately 7 ½ years. Before her job at the District Attorney's Office, she was worked at a Domestic Violence Shelter as a children's advocate. In addition, her Master's Degree internship included providing counseling services to physically and sexually abused children, as well as implementing support groups for homicide survivors. She has presented both locally and nationally on topics related to victim assistance, children whom have been abuse, and working with friends and family members of homicide victims.

Ms. Dale Alton is the Executive Director of Georgia Care Connection, an initiative of the Governor's Office for Children and Families that coordinates care services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation (CSEC). She is responsible for fostering strategic partnerships with like organizations, securing and overseeing funding streams and heightening awareness of Georgia's CSEC crisis. Previously, as the Executive Director of StandUp For Kids Atlanta, Dale served unaccompanied, homeless youth, ages 21 and under, through street outreach and a resource center open two nights a week. She achieved this leadership role through her two previous positions at SUFK as counselor and community resource director where she successfully researched and created a network of services for homeless youth. Dale is a founding member of the Homeless Youth Council of the Regional Commission on Homelessness. She participated in the Homeless Council and the Health Council of Atlanta-Fulton Family Connection; the Homeless Action Group; and the DeKalb Task Force on CSEC. Presently, Dale is a member of the Governor's Office of Children and Families' CSEC Task Force, co-chairs the Protection Workgroup, participates in the three other Task Force work groups, as well as in other partner and community meetings and events. She is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill and Emory Law School.

Cynthia D. Howell is the Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA), which is Georgia's lead organization with the responsibility of promoting, assisting, and supporting the development, growth, and continuation of children's advocacy centers (CAC's) in the state of Georgia. Ms. Howell holds a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Management from Hampton University, a Masters of Business Administration in Business Management from Golden Gate University, and a Master's of Science in Contracting and Acquisition from the Florida Institute of Technology. Her professional career began in the U.S. Army. During her 10-year tenure, she served in numerous leadership positions including company commander. She also functioned as a NATO Evaluator and worked with representatives from various NATO countries in evaluating units to ensure they complied with published NATO requirements, standards, and procedures. After leaving the Army, Ms. Howell held several leadership positions ranging from Senior Program Analyst, Chief of the Logistics and Training Division, and Program Manager. Ms. Howell was also appointed to the Board of Directors and served on the Executive Committee of the National Commission for African American Education that was founded by the Congressional Black Caucus under the leadership of Congressman Major R. Owens (D-NY). The Commission was dedicated to creating equal access to quality education opportunities for African American children. She currently serves as a member of the United Against Child Abuse Coalition, Children's Justice Act Advisory Committee, Coalition of Victim Service Providers, Governor's Office for Children and Families Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Task Force, Cobb County Executive Women's Association, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Ms. Howell served as an advisor to the Governor-appointed Abuse in an Educational Setting Workgroup. She is a member of Ben Hill United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Alia El-Sawi currently serves as the Victim Assistance Specialist for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). In this capacity, she designs and provides educational trainings and outreach to law enforcement, mainstream service providers, and community organizations on human trafficking. She works to establish collaborative relationships locally, statewide, and nationally around the issue of human trafficking. Prior to her work with ICE, Alia worked for a non-profit, Tapestri, and served as the Anti-Human Trafficking Program Coordinator. In her past position, she provided trainings, outreach, and direct services/case management to survivors of human trafficking. Alia is experienced in public speaking and has made many presentations all over the country. She has also written several articles on the issue of women in developing communities. Alia speaks Arabic, French and Spanish; and she has degrees in International Affairs and another in French

Maja Hasic currently serves as the Anti-Human Trafficking Direct Services Coordinator with Tapestri Inc., a non-profit social service agency that works with survivors of violence from the immigrant and refugee community. She provides direct services to survivors of human trafficking. She also designs and provides trainings and outreach to mainstream service providers, law enforcement, and community organizations on human trafficking on a local, state-wide, and national basis. She works to establish collaborative relationships with other nonprofit organizations and law enforcement around the issue of human trafficking. Maja has written her non thesis on the impact of immigration policies and tolerance of the sex industry on human trafficking in the European Union. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. Maja is also fluent in Bosnian.

1pm – 2:30pm WORKSHOPS #2

- Child Sexual Exploitation (Part I) – Theatre Room
- Internet Predator: Crimes Against Children – White Oak Room
- Recognizing & Investigating Abusive Injuries in Children – Banquet Hall

Child Sexual Exploitations, Special Agent Al Danna

Special Agent Thomas will provide the class participants with current information dealing concerning the investigation of sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children. They will study the various sex offender typologies, child molester organization and the impact those organization have on communities.

Special Agent Al Danna is presently the Coordinator of the Crimes Against Children Unit for the Tampa Bay Region of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE). He has been in law enforcement for 37 years and employed by the FDLE for 23 years. Special Agent Danna is assigned to the Violent Crime Squad and is also a member of the FDLE academy staff and instructs courses on Interviewing & Interrogation and Investigating Crimes Against Children cases. Prior to coming to work for FDLE, he was with the Baltimore Police Department, where he was assigned to Vice Enforcement Unit and to the Sex Crimes Division. He was the first Detective in the history of the Department to be assigned to the Sex Crimes Unit investigating Crimes Against Children. The last 29 years he has worked in the area of Crimes Against Children. Special Agent Danna is the Lead Investigator of the Tampa Bay Child Abduction Team (CART) and was instrumental in its development and implementation statewide. Also, he serves as a consultant for the Hillsborough County Multi-Disciplinary Child Death Review Team, the Statewide Child Abuse Rapid Response Team, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of Tampa, and Child Protection Education of America, Inc. and serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Child Advocacy, Inc. He is a nationally recognized expert who has lectured throughout the United States, Canada, Central and South America. He has testified for the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Commission on Pornography.

Internet Predators: Crimes Against Children Taskforce, Ken Hillman and Tim Deal

With the advent of the Internet and easy access to the web, sexual predators have used this as a means to hunt their prey, children. A number of local cases revealed how easily child predators gain access to children through the Internet. Local law enforcement proactively addressed this danger by targeting those who prey upon children.

Ken Hillman attended the University of Pittsburgh and received a Criminal Justice Degree in 1993. He was a Washington D.C. police officer from 1994 to 1998. He was in the uniform division for approximately one year and became the vice investigator where he investigated gun, gang and drug crimes. In 1998, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office where he was a narcotics investigator. In 1999, he attended the FBI Academy and became a Special Agent where he was assigned to the Atlanta division and has worked as the Dalton Resident Agent. Three years ago, he initiated the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force comprised of detectives from various local law enforcement agencies in northwest Georgia.

Tim Deal is a POST certified law enforcement officer in Georgia with 24 years experience. He is currently a Detective/Sergeant with the Catoosa County Sheriff's Office. He holds a B.S. degree in Organizational Management. For the last ten years, he has specialized in the investigation of crimes against children. He has been on the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force since its inception in 2008. He is also a paramedic and is a pediatric life support instructor.

Recognizing & Investigating Abusive Injuries in Children, Lora Darrisaw, MD

This workshop gives an overview of child abuse and neglect. Specific case examples illustrate child maltreatment with in depth discussions of neglect and specific types of injuries. Detailed discussion of scene investigations and interviews are presented and the common stories provided by perpetrators to explain injuries are discredited.

Dr. Lora received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering. After earning her medical degree, she completed four years of combined anatomic and clinical pathology residency. She completed two years of fellowship training in pediatric pathology and one year of fellowship training in forensic pathology. Currently, Dr. Lora is a Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. Her professional interests encompass studying disease and death in infants and children and evaluating child injuries. She regularly provides consultations on children with non-fatal injuries and performs autopsies on fatal child abuse cases.

2:30pm – 2:45pm

BREAK

2:45pm – 4:15pm

WORKSHOPS #3

- Child Sexual Exploitation (Part II) – Theatre Room
- Child Death Case Study – White Oak Room
- Teen Suicide Prevention– Banquet Hall

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Child Death Case Study, Lookout Mountain Child Death Investigation Team

The team members will lead participants through an actual child death using scene photos, investigation techniques, autopsy findings and video confession. The audience is encouraged to be interactive and ask questions as the investigation progresses. This case study provides conclusive evidence the value of agencies working together as a team approach, following through with protocol and never assuming who the perpetrator is.

Lookout Mountain Judicial Circuit Child Death Investigation Team was chosen in 1999 as a pilot project for Child Death Investigation Teams and still remains the longest serving team in the state frequently used as a model for new teams. The team is a multi-jurisdictional approach to better investigate all child deaths under the age of eighteen. Team members are comprised of GBI, Local Law Enforcement, Coroner's Office, DFACS, and District Attorney. Through their team approach, training and collaboration, there has been several child homicides discovered. The circuit team is led by District Attorney, Buzz Franklin.

Teen Suicide Prevention, Sally vander Straeten

A history of physical or sexual abuse is a strong risk factor for suicide attempts and completions. This workshop will explore the relationship between child abuse, mental disorders and suicide. The workshop will go on to describe what child welfare personnel, foster parents, parents, and mental health personnel can do to help prevent suicide and suicide attempts, what can be done after an attempt to prevent further attempts, what can be done to help survivors of a completed suicide and how communities can come together to prevent suicide and support survivors. Participants in the workshop will also receive suicide prevention resources for Georgia that they can share with their communities.

Sally vander Straeten, MSW, is currently the Suicide Prevention Coordinator for the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Division of Mental Health. She has worked with suicide prevention in Georgia since coming to the state in 2002 and is an active member of the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Georgia, the Georgia Coalition for Mental Health and Older Adults, and the Paving the Way Home Initiative for Georgia's Active Military and Veterans. Prior to coming to DBHDD Sally worked at the University of Georgia with the Child and Family Policy Institute at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government and The Department of Child and Family Studies, Cooperative Extension service. Prior to coming to Georgia she worked in North Carolina as a child custody mediator, adoption supervisor, mental health practitioner and social work educator. She has expertise in children and families, community practice, coalition building, and evidence-based practice.



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